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## **U.S. Fleet Forces Command to Announce 2013 Fleet Sea, Shore Sailors of the Year**

NORFOLK, Va. – Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) will announce the 2013 U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) Sea and Shore Fleet Sailors of the Year during a ceremony Thursday, March 27, at the Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center in Norfolk.

The U.S. Fleet Forces Command Sailor of the Year program exists to recognize the best and brightest Sailors throughout USFF. A total of 13 candidates are competing for the two honors. The week-long Sailor of the Year activities included competition as well as social functions that honor the nominees' service.

Following the announcement from Adm. Bill Gortney, the Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year will travel to Washington, D.C. in May and be meritoriously promoted to chief petty officer by the Chief of Naval Operations, while the Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year will move forward in one more round of competition for the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year.

### **Candidates nominated for Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year are:**

Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1<sup>st</sup> Class (DW/SS) Nickolas A. Pazar  
CYBERFOR, Navy Information Operations Command, Whidbey Island

Navy Diver 1<sup>st</sup> Class (DSW/EXW/SW) Christopher L. Lansford  
NECC, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Expeditionary Support Unit 2

Electronics Technician 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/AW) Christopher K. Lindvold  
NAVEUR/AFRICA, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20)

Hospital Corpsman 1<sup>st</sup> Class (FMF) Rosalinda Finnerty

USFF, Fleet Marine Force

Electrician's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SS) James R. Gagnon  
SUBLANT, USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)

Naval Air Crewman (Operator) 1<sup>st</sup> Class (NAC/AW/IUSS) Raul Gomez  
AIRLANT, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN

Hospital Corpsman 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/EXW) Mahtob M. Johnson  
SURFLANT, USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51)

**Candidates nominated for Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year are:**

Cryptologic Technician (Collections) 1<sup>st</sup> Class (IDW/SW) Patricia H. Madigan  
CYBERFOR, Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii

Equipment Operator 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SCW/EXW) Paul C. Trotman IV  
NECC, Underwater Construction Team ONE

Aerographer's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class (IDW/ AW) Stella G. Swartz  
USFF, Fleet Weather Center, San Diego

Machinist's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SS) Joseph Stockton  
SUBLANT, Trident Refit Facility, Kings Bay

Aviation Electrician's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class (AW) Richard K. Fenters  
AIRLANT, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE

Personnel Specialist 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/AW) Chukwulozia P. Okobi  
SURFLANT, Naval Surface Force Atlantic

**Media wishing to attend the Fleet Sailor of the Year announcement should contact LCDR Reann Mommsen at (757) 836-4424 or [reann.mommsen@navy.mil](mailto:reann.mommsen@navy.mil) no later than 1100, March 27.**

**Media will meet at Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center in Norfolk NLT 1245.**

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